

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006. A diligent effort has been made to respond to the objections and rejections set forth therein, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-24 are pending.

2. Rejection of claims 2-3 under 35 USC 112

Claims 2-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as being vague, but the rejection is not clear as to exactly what is vague about these claims, and therefore it is traversed. The rejection in paragraph 4 of the Office Action states “Based on the limitation, the event history must occur before you can identify.” It is not clear what this means. Claims 2 and 3 are directed at a step of identifying the communication event that is being processed. There is no discussion or need to involve an event history as claims 2 and 3 determine the event type. This determination is not related to the event history, which is the database of prior events. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn as the claims are clear and definite.

3. Rejections over Hull (US 2003/0034878) in view of Fujino (US 2001/0012347)

The obviousness rejection over Hull in view of Fujino should be withdrawn because the Office Action fails to make out the required *prima facie* case of obviousness. Specifically, the Office Action does not show where all of the claim limitations of the independent claims 1 and 15 are disclosed in these references and therefore the rejection is defective.

Claim 1, for example, describes a method of processing a communications event in a mobile device having a user interface. The method includes the following steps: (A) identifying a correspondent associated with the communications event; (B) automatically retrieving, from a communications event database, a communications event history associated with the identified correspondent, the communications event history including a plurality of prior communications events with the identified correspondent, the prior communications events including a plurality of event types; and (C) displaying the retrieved communications event history of the identified correspondent using the user interface of the mobile device.

Hull discloses a mobile communication device that emits various forms of light when a message is received. For example, Hull provides a stored contact list, and if a message is received from a party on the contact list, then a certain light pattern is displayed. (Hull at [0006]) Hull also discloses different light patterns based on the age of the received message. (Hull at [0005]) In Figure 2 of Hull, step 213 discloses displaying a message log of a selected contact. This step 213, however, is only performed after step 212 in which a user manually inputs the name of the contact. Hull does not disclose or suggest the step of “automatically retrieving, from a communications event database, a communications event history” associated with the previously identified correspondent. In addition, Hull does not disclose that the prior communications events in the communications event history may include a plurality of event types. Although Hull mentions different types of messages and communications, it does not explicitly state that these different types are all stored in the same message log so that they can be retrieved and displayed in response to identifying a particular correspondent.

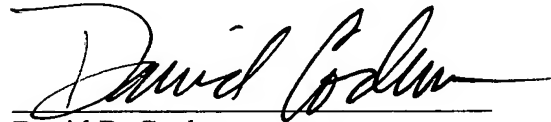
Fujino does not make up for the missing teaching of Hull. This reference discloses a method of tracking the number of times individuals have called a mobile communication device.

The Office Action refers to paragraph 0034 of Fujino for its alleged disclosure of a communication event database and a communication event history associated with an identified correspondent, but it is not clear from reading paragraph 0034 that this paragraph has anything at all to do with these subjects, or with the subject matter of the present claims of this application.

For all of these reasons the 103 rejections over Hull in view of Fujino are traversed, and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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